Hill allowance to the employees of the Anchal Department.

36 *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of employees in the superior service of the Anchal Department who are now getting hill allowance and free quarters or house rent allowance;

(*b*) the number of Christians among them;

(*c*) the number of Hindus among them; and

(*d*) the number of Ezhavas among them?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 16.

(*b*) 7.

(*c*) 9.

(*d*) Nil.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): With reference to answer to part (3) may I know from the member how long it is since the seven persons have been posted in those places?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there were Muslims among them?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether in making transfers Government will see that members of all communities get the benefit?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know, Sir, whether it is considered by the Government an advantage or disadvantage to the employee to be in a position to get hill allowances and free quarters?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. It is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): I wish to know what the Government think of it.

PRESIDENT: You want to get not only the opinion of Government but also go into the minds of other individuals and express what their views are.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether the employees are posted on their own application or by the department itself?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Sometimes postings are made on the application of the officers also.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has there been any representations from different communities for posting persons in hill stations on a communal representation basis?

PRESIDENT: I am afraid we are going too much into the question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I wish to know whether representations have been made by different communities for posting them in hill stations on a communal representation basis?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether among the Hindus, Ezhavas are also included?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It includes all Hindus.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Are there Hindu Ezhavas? There are Ezhavas who do not claim to be Hindus. Are they also included?

PRESIDENT: Have the Government announced so? Let us not enter into that very delicate question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member whether Government generally post officers in hill stations as a matter of very light punishment?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Pay of Munshis in V. M. Schools.

37. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a circular in the Education Department limiting the scale to Rs. 22 for Munshis in V. M. Schools who have not passed the Upadhyaya examination or some other examination equivalent to Upadhyaya and who were formerly in the scale of Rs 20 to 25;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Munshi examination held in 1090 will be considered equivalent to the Upadhyaya examination for purposes of increment; and

(*c*) the number of Munshis in V. M. Schools who have passed the Munshi examination?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) There is a G. O. fixing a bar at Rs. 22 for Munshis in the V. M. Schools who have not passed the Upadhyaya or an equivalent examination.

(*b*) The question is under consideration.

(*c*) Six.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): With reference to part (*a*) may I know when that circular was issued?

MR. C. V. CHADRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): In 1929.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether the six persons are appointed as a result of the G. O. or independent of the G. O.?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, as things stand at present. The matter is under consideration.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know which examinations are considered equivalent to the Upadhyaya examination?

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